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FM AMCONSUL PARAMARIBO

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INFO AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: EMIN, EIND, NS

SUBJ: ALCOA ACTS TO SOOTHE GOS

REF: A. PARAMARIBO 062; B. PARAMARIBO 170

1. IN ORDER COOL DOWN GOS RESENTMENT OVER HEAVY RETRENCHMENT (REFTELS), ALCOA HAS REVERSED EARLIER DECISION AND AGREED TO (1) CONSTRUCT ROADS AND POSSIBLY OTHER INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS AS GOS CONTRACTOR AND (2) RETAIN AT LEAST INTO SUMMER 400 WORKERS THAT WERE TO BE RELEASED LAST MONTH.

2. MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SURALCO (ALCOA SUBSIDIARY) BUSTION TOLD ME AFTER TALKS WITH MIN PRES ARRON AND DEVELOPMENT MIN CAMBRIDGE THAT GOS HAS AGREED TO ALL OF PITTSBURGH'S CONDITIONS: COST-PLUS FINANCING WITH NO COMPANY OUTLAY, AND GOS TO SUPPLY MOST
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OR ALL OF MACHINERY. VISITING ALCOA ENGINEER HAS RETURNED TO U.S. TO PREPARE PLANS AND ESTIMATES FOR GOS APPROVAL.

3. FIRST GOS PROPOSAL IS FOR 55 KM. GRADED BUT UNPAVED ROAD INTO INTERIOR ALONG AFOBAKA LAKE WITH POSSIBLE LATER EXTENSION TO VICINITY TAPANAHONEY RIVER IN PRIMITIVE BUSHNEGRO AREA. WORK WOULD HELP FULFILL ELECTION PLEDGE TO BUSHNEGRO CHIEFS THAT GOS WILL PROVIDE BETTER COMMUNICATIONS UPCOUNTRY.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ALCOA VERY RELUCTANT SET PRECEDENT AS BUILDER, UNDER GOS AUSPICES, OF PROJECTS UNRELATED TO COMPANY ACTIVITIES, IT HAS AGAIN DISPLAYED CHARACTERISTIC SENSITIVITY TO GOS ATTITUDES. WHILE GOS REMAINS, NATURALLY ENOUGH, UNHAPPY OVER SHARP DROP IN PROSPECTIVE REVENUE AS RESULT OF RETRENCHMENT, BOTH BUSTION AND I FEEL ON BASIS RECENT TALKS WITH GOS LEADERSHIP THAT ADMINISTRATION AT LEAST RECONCILED TO THIS. ALCOA DECISION ON ROADS AND RETENTION OF EMPLOYEES, AND RECENT DONATION OF CONVERTED LCM TO MIN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT, HAVE UNQUESTIONABLY SMOOTHED RUFFLED RELATIONS.
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